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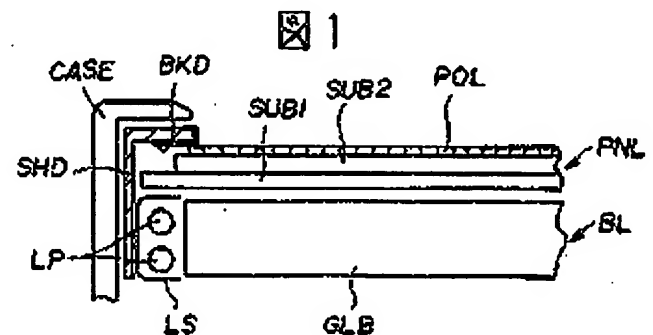
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(54)【発明の名称】 液晶表示装置

(57)【要約】

【課題】狭額縁化したときの表示域と上フレームの間に漏れる光を遮蔽して高コントラストと良好な視認性を確保する。

【解決手段】対向配置された少なくとも一方に画素選択用の電極を有する一対の透明基板SUB1、SUB2の間に液晶層を挟持してなる液晶パネルPNLと、液晶パネルを挟んで配置された上偏光板POLおよび下偏光板と、前記電極に表示信号に応じた電圧を印加するための駆動手段と、液晶パネルの背面に設置されたバックライトBLとを表示窓を有する上フレームと上フレームと連接する下フレームにより固定してなり、上フレームSHDの表示窓の少なくとも液晶パネルPNLを臨む部分に



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【特許請求の範囲】

【請求項1】対向配置された少なくとも一方に画素選択用の電極を有する一対の透明基板の間に液晶層を挟持してなる液晶パネルと、前記液晶パネルを挟んで配置された上偏光板および下偏光板と、前記電極に表示信号に応じた電圧を印加するための駆動手段と、前記液晶パネルの背面に設置されたバックライトとを表示窓を有する上フレームおよびこの上フレームと接続する下フレームにより固定してなる液晶表示装置において、前記上フレームの表示窓の少なくとも前記液晶パネルを

【発明の詳細な説明】

【0001】

【発明の属する技術分野】本発明は、液晶表示装置に係り、特にコントラストが高く、視認性に優れた液晶表示装置に関する。

【0002】

【従来の技術】ノート型コンピュータやコンピュータモニター用の高解像度かつカラー表示が可能な液晶表示装置では、液晶パネルを背面から照明する光源（所謂、バックライト）を備えている。バックライトには、導光板と称するアクリル樹脂等で成形した透明板の側面に線状のランプを配置したサイドエッジ方式と、液晶パネルの背面直下にランプを配置した直下型方式とが知られている。

【0003】特に、薄型化が要求されるノート型コンピュータでは、サイドエッジ方式が採用されており、またモニター用液晶表示装置でも奥行きを短縮するためにはサイドエッジ方式が用いられる。

【0004】この種の液晶表示装置は、基本的には少なくとも一方が透明なガラス等からなる二枚の基板の間に液晶層を挟持した所謂液晶パネルを構成し、上記液晶パネルの基板に形成した画素形成用の各種電極に選択的に電圧を印加して所定画素の点灯と消灯を行う形式、上記各種電極と画素選択用のアクティブ素子を形成してこのアクティブ素子を選択することにより所定画素の点灯と消灯を行う形式とに分類される。

【0005】後者の形式の液晶表示装置はアクティブマトリクス型と称し、コントラスト性能、高速表示性能等から液晶表示装置の主流となっている。従来のアクティブマトリクス型液晶表示装置は、一方の基板に形成した

に櫛歯電極を用いて非常に広い視野角を得るようにしたもの知られている（特公昭63-21907号公報、米国特許第4345249号明細書）。

【0007】

【発明が解決しようとする課題】ノート型コンピュータに限らず、各種情報処理装置のコンピュータモニター用の液晶表示装置は年々サイズが大型化しており、かつ狭額縁化の要求が強くなってきている。液晶表示装置が狭額縁化された場合、装置端縁と表示域の間隔が狭くなるため、バックライトから表示域への光漏れを十分に遮光することが困難である。

【0008】図6は従来の液晶表示装置の要部構造例を説明する概略断面図であって、二枚の基板SUB1（下基板）とSUB2（上基板）の間に液晶を挟持し、その上下面に偏光板POL（図では上偏光板のみを示した）を積層した液晶パネルPNLと、この液晶パネルの背面に設置したバックライトBLとを上フレームSHDと下フレーム（図示せず）で固定して液晶モジュールを構成する。

【0009】この液晶モジュールは、実装するノートパソコンやコンピュータモニター等のケースCASEに収納して当該コンピュータモニター等の表示装置とする。

【0010】しかし、この種の液晶表示装置では、その上フレームは電磁放射を抑制するための機械的強度を確保するために金属板で形成されるものであるため、その表面での光反射率が高く、表示域の外縁でのバックライトからの漏れ光が上フレームの表示窓の内周領域で反射して表示域の周囲が明るくなる明縁現象が起こる。図7は従来の液晶表示装置における光漏れの発生を説明する図6のA部分の拡大図である。

【0011】液晶パネルPNLは、上基板SUB1と下SUB2とからなり、上基板の上面には上偏光板POLが貼付されている。この上偏光板POLは上基板SUB2の端縁から内方に引っ込んだ位置にある。また、狭額縁化のために上フレームSHDの幅が狭くされている。

【0012】そして、液晶パネルPNLの周縁からの光漏れを防止するためのバックライトBLと液晶パネルPNLの間の周縁に遮光スペーサーLSを挟み込んでいる。

【0013】しかし、同図中に矢印で示したように、偏光板POLの縁から出射したバックライトからの光の一部は上フレームSHDの側縁で反射し、あるいは液晶パネルと上フレームSHDの内側の間で反射して表示面方

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【0016】

【課題を解決するための手段】上記目的を達成するため、本発明は、対向配置された少なくとも一方に画素選択用の電極を有する一対の透明基板の間に液晶層を挟持してなる液晶パネルと、前記液晶パネルを挟んで配置された上偏光板および下偏光板と、前記電極に表示信号に応じた電圧を印加するための駆動手段と、前記液晶パネルの背面に設置されたバックライトとを表示窓を有する上フレームおよびこの上フレームと接続する下フレームにより固定してなる液晶表示装置において、前記上フレームの表示窓の少なくとも前記液晶パネルを臨む部分に吸光処理面を有すると共に、前記上偏光板を前記上フレームの下層まで延在させて配置した点に特徴を有する。

【0017】上記構成により、バックライトの出射光が表示域と上フレームの間から漏れたり、金属フレームに反射して表示方向に漏れ出るのが防止され、また上偏光板の端縁を上フレームの下面まで延ばして設置することで遮光効果がさらに向上する。

【0018】上記の上フレームの表示窓の少なくとも前記液晶パネルを臨む部分に施す吸光処理は、クロム等の黒色金属被膜、ステンレスや鉄あるいはアルミニウム等の光沢の在る金属表面を黒色塗料を塗布または焼付けて得られる。また、上フレーム自体の材料をクロム、その他の黒色金属板で形成してもよい。

【0019】さらに、黒色の樹脂で遮光フレームを形成し、これを上フレームの窓部の内側に埋め込んだり、黒色のプラスチックテープ等を貼り付けてもよい。

【0020】このとき、上フレームの液晶パネルを臨む表面の反射率を5%以下とすれば漏れ光によるコントラストの低下や視認性の劣化は防止できることが実験的に確認された。

【0021】なお、本発明は、液晶層に印加する電圧の変化でバックライトからの照明光の透過／不透過を制御して白表示から黒表示、あるいは黒表示から白表示へと変化する。本発明は、ねじれ角が90度前後のツイステッドネマチック（TN型）液晶、ねじれ角が200度から260度のスーパーツイステッドネマチック（STN型）液晶を用いた液晶表示装置、あるいは垂直配向タイプ（縦電界方式）のTFTや基板面に平行な方向の電界で動作する横電界方式の液晶表示装置、その他の型式の液晶表示装置にも適用できる。

【0022】

【発明の要約の形態】以下 本発明の要約の形態につ

【0024】この液晶表示装置がTN型と垂直配向タイプの縦電界方式の場合、液晶層2の屈折率異方性 Δn とセルギャップ（上下基板間の間隙） d との積 $\Delta n \cdot d$ は0.2から0.6 μm の範囲がコントラスト比と明るさを両立させるためには好ましく、STN型の場合は0.5から1.2 μm の範囲が、横電界方式では0.2から0.5 μm の範囲が好ましい。

【0025】ここでは、上下基板3b、3aとしては、厚みが0.7mmで表面を研磨し、ITO（インジウムチンオキサイド）の透明電極をスパッタ法で成膜したガラス基板を2枚用いる。これらの上下基板3b、3aの間に誘電率異方性 Δn_e が正で、その値が4.5であり、複屈折率 Δn が0.19（589nm、20°C）のネマチック液晶組成物を挟み、セルギャップは6 μm としたため、 $\Delta n \cdot d$ は1.41 μm とした。

【0026】そして、基板表面に塗布したポリイミド系配向制御膜をスピナーで塗布し、250°Cで30分間焼成し、ラビング処理を行って3.5度のプレチルト角を形成した。なお、このプレチルト角は回転結晶法で測定した。上下基板のラビング方向は時分割駆動を行うため液晶分子のねじれ角（ツイスト角）が240度となるように設定した。ここで、ツイスト角はラビング方向およびネマチック液晶に添加される旋光性物質の種類と量によって規定される。

【0027】ねじれ角は閾値近傍の点灯状態が光を散乱する配向となることから最大値が制限され、260度が上限であり、また下限はコントラストによって制限され、200度が限界である。

【0028】本実施例では、走査線数が200本以上でも十分なコントラストで白黒表示が可能な液晶表示装置を得ることを目的としたので、ねじれ角は240度とした。また、下基板3aと上基板3bと各偏光板1aと1bの間に、ポリカーボネートからなる $\Delta n \cdot d = 0.4 \mu\text{m}$ の位相差フィルムを各一枚配置した（図示せず）。

【0029】本実施例では、液晶パネルPNLを固定する上フレームSHDの液晶パネルを臨む部分、すなわち、当該上フレームSHDの窓部内側と内側縁に吸光処理面BKDを備えた。これと共に、液晶パネルPNLの上基板SUB2に貼付する上偏光板POLを上フレームSHDの下側まで延ばした。

【0030】図2は本発明による液晶表示装置の第1実施例の上フレームの構成を説明する部分図である。

【0031】同図(a)は上フレームSHDの裏面を示

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にも同様の吸光処理面BKDを形成してもよく、さらに当該上フレームSHDの残りの部分の一部または全体に同様の吸光処理面BKDを形成してもよい。

【0033】この実施例の構成としたことにより、狭額縁化した場合の液晶パネルの表示域と上フレームの間からの光漏れが抑制され、コントラストが高く、視認性に優れた液晶表示装置を得ることができる。

【0034】図3は本発明による液晶表示装置の組立完成図であり、(A)は表示面側の平面図、(B)は左側面図、(C)は右側側面図、(D)は上側側面、(E)は下側側面図を示す。

【0035】同図において、SHDは上フレーム、ARは表示域、MCAは下フレーム(下側ケース)、HLD1~4は取り付け穴、LCTは接続コネクタ、LPC1、2はランプケーブル、CT1はインターフェースコネクタ、WDは表示領域を露出する開口である。また、POLは上偏光板で液晶パネルPNLの上面を覆って貼付されている。

【0036】この液晶表示装置は、上フレームSHDと下フレームMLの2種類の収納・保持部材を用いて組み込まれ、取り付け穴HLD1~4でノートパソコンやモニター等の情報処理装置の表示部に実装される。

【0037】取り付け穴HLD1とHLD3の間にある凹部にはバックライト用のインバータが組み込まれ、接続コネクタLCTとランプケーブルLPC1、LPC2でバックライト組立体を構成する冷陰極蛍光灯(光源ランプ)に電力を供給する。なお、この例では蛍光管は液晶表示素子PNLの裏上下辺に組み込まれる。

【0038】本体コンピュータ(ホスト)からの信号および必要な電源は裏面に位置するインターフェースコネクタCT1を介して供給される。

【0039】図示の液晶表示装置は外径寸法が大きく、表示域ARも大きくなったにも係わらず、表示に寄与しない所謂額縁領域が小さい。さらに、重量も軽量化され、可搬型情報処理装置の可搬性を失うことなく見やすい大画面表示が得られる。

【0040】図4は本発明による液晶表示装置の全体構成を説明する展開斜視図である。同図は液晶表示パネル、回路基板、バックライト、その他の構成部材を一体化した液晶表示装置(モジュール;MDLと称する)の具体的構造を説明するものである。

【0041】SHDは金属板からなる上フレーム(シールドケース、メタルフレームとも言う)。WDは表示

ILSは遮光スペーサ、PRSはプリズムシート、SPSは拡散シート、GLBは導光板、RFSは反射シート、MCAは一体化成形により形成された下フレーム(下側ケース;モールドフレーム)、MOはMCAの開口、BATは両面粘着テープであり、図示の配置関係で拡散板部材を積み重ねて液晶表示モジュールMDLが組立てられる。なお、光源ランプ部分の図示は省略した。

【0042】この液晶表示装置は(液晶表示モジュールMDL)は、下フレームCAと上フレームSHDの2種の収納・保持部材を有し、絶縁シートINS1~3、回路基板PCB1~3、液晶表示パネルPNLを収納固定し、導光板GLB等から構成されるバックライトを収納した下フレームMCAを上フレームSHDに合体させてなる。

【0043】映像信号線駆動用回路基板PCB1には液晶表示パネルPNLの各画素を駆動するための集積回路チップが搭載され、またインターフェース回路基板PCB3には外部ホストからの映像信号の受入れ、タイミング信号等の制御信号を受け入れる集積回路チップ、およびタイミングを加工してクロック信号を生成するタイミングコンバータ(TCON)等が搭載される。

【0044】上記タイミングコンバータで生成されたクロック信号は映像信号線駆動用回路基板PCB1に搭載された集積回路チップに供給される。

【0045】インターフェース回路基板PCB3および映像信号線駆動用回路基板PCB1は多層配線基板であり、上記クロック信号ラインCLLはインターフェース回路基板PCB3および映像信号線駆動用回路基板PCB1の内層配線として形成される。

【0046】なお、液晶表示パネルPNLにはTFTを駆動するためのドレイン側回路基板PCB1、ゲート側回路基板PCB2およびインターフェース回路基板PCB3がテープキャリアパッケージTCP1、TCP2で接続され、各回路基板間はジョイナJN1、2、3で接続されている。

【0047】図5は図4に示した液晶表示装置を実装した情報処理装置の一例を説明するパソコンの外観図であって、前記各図と同一符号は同一部分に対応し、IVは蛍光管駆動用のインバータ電源、CPUはホスト側中央演算装置である。

【0048】同図に示したパソコンによれば、その視野角が広く、均一なコントラストで視認性の良好な画像表示が得られる。

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狭額縁化した場合の液晶パネルの表示域と上フレームの間からの光漏れが抑制され、コントラストが高く、視認性に優れた液晶表示装置を得ることができる。

【図面の簡単な説明】

【図1】本発明による液晶表示装置の第1実施例を説明する要部断面模式図である。

【図2】本発明による液晶表示装置の第1実施例の上フレームの構成を説明する部分図である。

【図3】本発明による液晶表示装置の組立完成図である。

【図4】本発明による液晶表示装置の全体構成を説明する展開斜視図である。

【図5】図4に示した液晶表示装置を実装した情報処理装置の一例を説明するパソコンの外観図である。

【図6】従来の液晶表示装置の要部構造例を説明する概*

*略断面図である。

【図7】従来の液晶表示装置における光漏れの発生を説明する図6のA部分の拡大図である。

【符号の説明】

SUB1 下基板

SUB2 上基板

POL 上偏光板

GLB 導光板

LP 光源ランプ

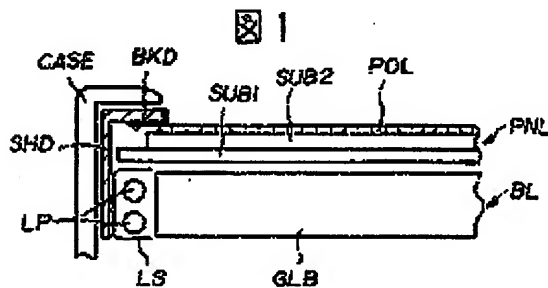
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SHD 上フレーム

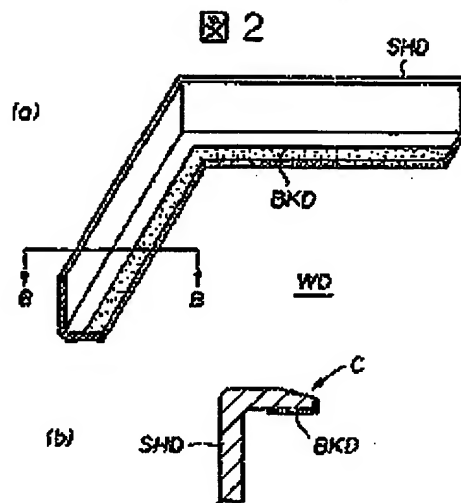
BKD 吸光処理面

CASE 実装するコンピュータ等の表示部を構成するケース。

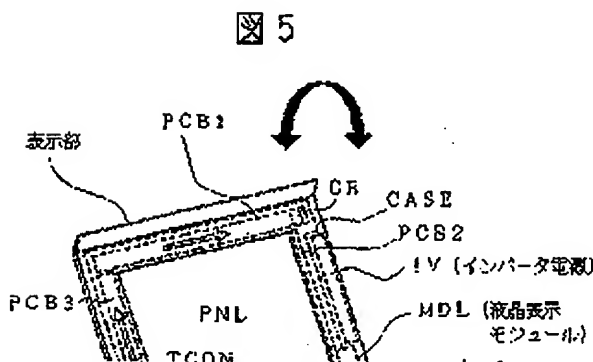
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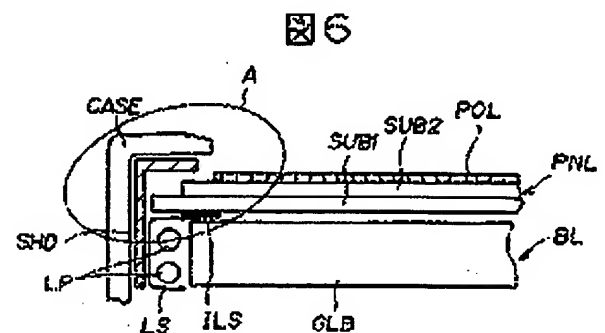
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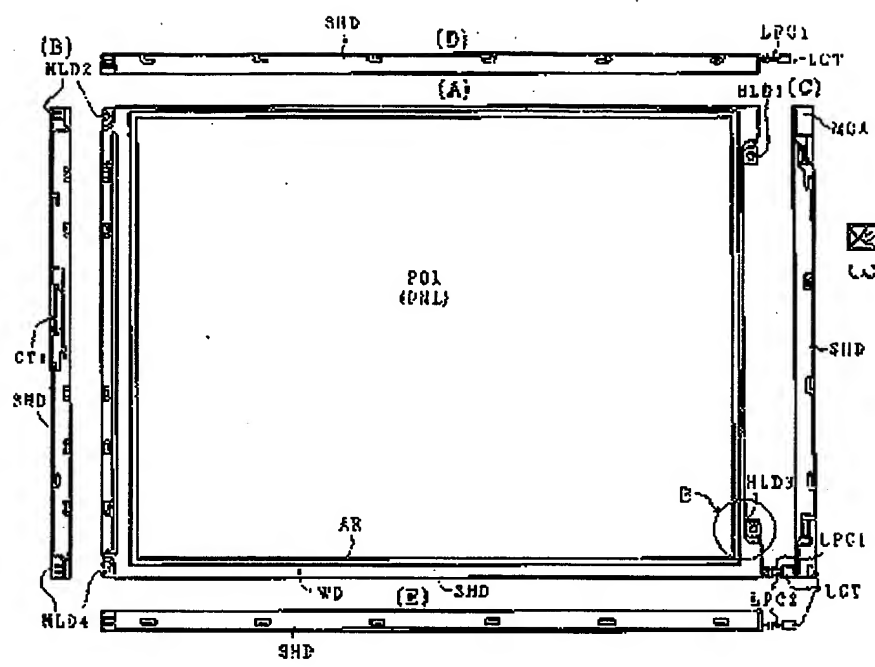
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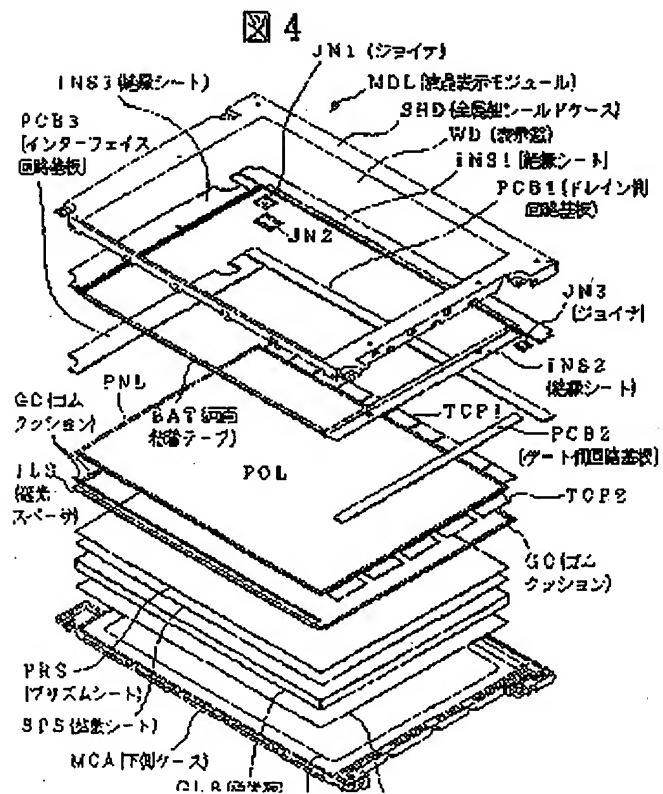
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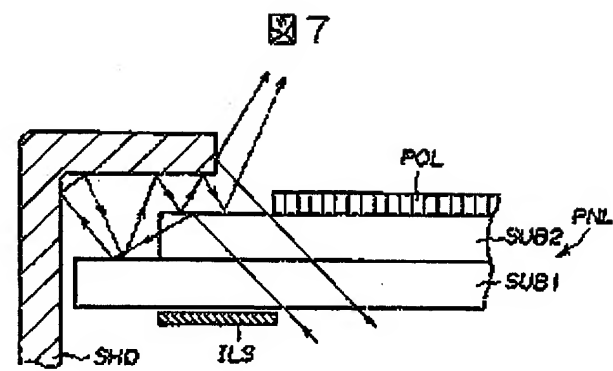
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[0029] In this example, the window part inside and the ulnar margin of the part SHD which faces the liquid crystal panel of the upper frame SHD which fixes a liquid crystal panel PNL, i.e., the upper frame concerned, were equipped with the extinction processing side BKD. The upper polarizing plate POL stuck on the upper substrate SUB 2 of a liquid crystal panel PNL with this was extended to the upper frame SHD bottom.

[0030] Drawing 2 is a partial diagrammatic view explaining the configuration of the upper frame of the 1st example of the liquid crystal display by this invention.

[0031] This drawing (a) is a partial perspective view showing the rear face of the upper frame SHD, all over drawing, forms the chromium metal membrane which attached double hatching, and makes this the extinction processing side BKD at the rear face and ulnar margin of the inner circumference edge surrounding a window part WD.

[0032] This drawing (b) is a fragmentary sectional view showing the cross section cut by the B-B line of (a) with the same posture as drawing 1. Although the extinction processing side BKD was given only to the rear face and ulnar margin surrounding a window part WD of an inner circumference edge in this example, the same extinction processing side BKD also as the top-face edge shown by the illustration arrow head C may be formed, and the still more nearly same extinction processing side BKD as remaining a part or the remaining whole of a part of the upper frame SHD concerned may be formed.

[0033] By having considered as the configuration of this example, the optical leakage from between the viewport of the liquid crystal panel at the time of narrow-picture-frame-izing and upper frames is controlled, contrast is high and the liquid crystal display excellent in visibility can be obtained.

[0034] Drawing 3 is the assembly final drawing of the liquid crystal display by this invention, in (A), a right-hand side side elevation and (D) show a top side face, and, as for the top view by the side of the screen, and (B), (E) shows a bottom side elevation, as for a left side view and (C).

[0035] As for viewport and MCA, in this drawing, an upper frame and AR of SHD are [a bottom frame (bottom case) and HLD 1-4] an installation hole and opening to which in LCT a lamp cable and CT1 expose an interface connector to, and, as for WD, a connection connector and LPC 1 and 2 expose a viewing area. Moreover, with the upper polarizing plate, POL covers the top face of a liquid crystal panel PNL, and is stuck.

[0036] This liquid crystal display is incorporated using two kinds of receipt and attachment components, the upper frame SHD and the bottom frame ML, and is mounted in the display of information processors, such as a notebook computer and a monitor, in the installation holes 1-HLD 4.

[0037] The inverter for back lights is built into the crevice among the installation holes HLD1 and HLD3, and power is supplied to the cold cathode fluorescent lamp (light source lamp) which constitutes a back light assembly from a connection connector LCT and lamp cables LPC1 and LPC2. In addition, in this example, fluorescence tubing is incorporated the flesh-side vertical side of the liquid crystal display component PNL.

[0038] The signal and the required power source from a main frame computer (host) are supplied through the interface connector CT 1 located in a rear face.

[0039] The liquid crystal display of illustration has a large outer-diameter dimension, and although Viewport AR became large, its so-called frame field which does not contribute to a display is small. Furthermore, weight is also lightweightized, and a legible big screen display is obtained, without losing the portability of a portable mold information processor.

[0040] Drawing 4 is an expansion perspective view explaining the whole liquid crystal display configuration by this invention. This drawing explains the concrete structure of the liquid crystal display (module: call MDL) which unified a liquid crystal display panel, the circuit board, a back light, and other configuration members.

[0041] The upper frame which SHD becomes from a metal plate (it is also called a shielding case and a metal frame), WD -- a display window and INSs 1-3 -- an insulation sheet and PCBs 1-3 -- the circuit board (PCB1 -- drain side-circuit substrate: -- the circuit board for a video-signal line drive --) PCB2 a gate side-circuit substrate and PCB3 An interface-circuitry substrate, The joiner to which JN 1-3 connects one to circuit board PCB3 comrades electrically, A tape career package and PNL TCP1 and TCP2 A liquid crystal display panel, POL a rubber cushion and ILS for an upper polarizing plate and GC A protection-from-light spacer, In PRS, a prism sheet and SPS a light guide plate and RFS for a diffusion sheet and GLB A reflective sheet, Opening of MCA and BAT are pressure sensitive adhesive double coated tapes, the bottom frame (bottom case: mold frame) and MO in which MCA was formed by unification shaping accumulate a diffusion plate member due to arrangement illustration, and the liquid crystal display module MDL is assembled. In addition, illustration of a light source lamp part was omitted.

[0042] (The liquid crystal display module MDL) has two sorts of receipt and attachment components, the bottom frame CA and the upper frame SHD, and carries out receipt immobilization of insulation sheet INSs 1-3, the circuit boards 1-PCBs 3, and the liquid crystal display panel PNL, and this liquid crystal display makes the bottom frame MCA which contained the back light which consists of light guide plates GLB etc. come to coalesce in the upper frame SHD.

[0043] The integrated circuit chip for driving each pixel of the liquid crystal display panel PNL is carried in the circuit board PCB 1 for a video-signal line drive, and the timing converter (TCON) which processes into the interface-circuitry substrate PCB 3 the integrated circuit chip which accepts control signals, such as acceptance of the video signal from an external host and a timing signal, and timing, and generates a clock signal is carried.

[0044] The clock signal generated by the above-mentioned timing converter is supplied to the integrated circuit chip carried in the circuit board PCB 1 for a video-signal line drive.

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[0046] In addition, the drain side-circuit substrate PCB 1 for driving TFT, the gate side-circuit substrate PCB 2, and the interface-circuitry substrate PCB 3 are connected to the liquid crystal display panel PNL with the tape career packages TCP1 and TCP2, and it connects by the joiner 1, 2, and JN 3 between each circuit board.

[0047] Drawing 5 is the external view of the personal computer explaining an example of an information processor which mounted the liquid crystal display shown in drawing 4, the same sign as said each drawing corresponds to the same part, and the inverter power source for a fluorescence tubing drive in IV and CPU are host side central processing units.

[0048] According to the personal computer shown in this drawing, the angle of visibility is large and image display with good visibility is obtained by uniform contrast.

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[0027] Since angle of torsion serves as orientation on which the lighting conditions near the threshold are scattered in light, maximum is restricted, 260 degrees is an upper limit, and a minimum is restricted by contrast and 200 degrees is a limitation.

[0028] In this example, since the number of scanning lines aimed at obtaining at least 200 or more liquid crystal displays in which monochrome display is possible by sufficient contrast, angle of torsion was made into 240 degrees. Moreover, it has arranged each the $\Delta n \cdot d = 0.4$ micrometer phase contrast film which consists of a polycarbonate between bottom substrate 3a, upper substrate 3b, and each polarizing plates 1a and 1b one sheet (not shown).

[0029] In this example, the window part inside and the ulnar margin of the part SHD which faces the liquid crystal panel of the upper frame SHD which fixes a liquid crystal panel PNL, i.e., the upper frame concerned, were equipped with the extinction processing side BKD. The upper polarizing plate POL stuck on the upper substrate SUB 2 of a liquid crystal panel PNL with this was extended to the upper frame SHD bottom.

[0030] Drawing 2 is a partial diagrammatic view explaining the configuration of the upper frame of the 1st example of the liquid crystal display by this invention.

[0031] This drawing (a) is a partial perspective view showing the rear face of the upper frame SHD, all over drawing, forms the chromium metal membrane which attached double hatching, and makes this the extinction processing side BKD at the rear face and ulnar margin of the inner circumference edge surrounding a window part WD.

[0032] This drawing (b) is a fragmentary sectional view showing the cross section cut by the B-B line of (a) with the same posture as drawing 1. Although the extinction processing side BKD was given only to the rear face and ulnar margin surrounding a window part WD of an inner circumference edge in this example, the same extinction processing side BKD also as the top-face edge shown by the illustration arrow head C may be formed, and the still more nearly same extinction processing side BKD as remaining a part or the remaining whole of a part of the upper frame SHD concerned may be formed.

[0033] By having considered as the configuration of this example, the optical leakage from between the viewport of the liquid crystal panel at the time of narrow-picture-frame-izing and upper frames is controlled, contrast is high and the liquid crystal display excellent in visibility can be obtained.

[0034] Drawing 3 is the assembly final drawing of the liquid crystal display by this invention, in (A), a right-hand side side elevation and (D) show a top side face, and, as for the top view by the side of the screen, and (B), (E) shows a bottom side elevation, as for a left side view and (C).

[0035] As for viewport and MCA, in this drawing, an upper frame and AR of SHD are [a bottom frame (bottom case) and HLD 1-4] an installation hole and opening to which in LCT a lamp cable and CT1 expose an interface connector to, and, as for WD, a connection connector and LPC 1 and 2 expose a viewing area. Moreover, with the upper polarizing plate, POL covers the top face of a liquid crystal panel PNL, and is stuck.

[0036] This liquid crystal display is incorporated using two kinds of receipt and attachment components, the upper frame SHD and the bottom frame ML, and is mounted in the display of information processors, such as a notebook computer and a monitor, in the installation holes 1-HLD 4.

[0037] The inverter for back lights is built into the crevice among the installation holes HLD1 and HLD3, and power is supplied to the cold cathode fluorescent lamp (light source lamp) which constitutes a back light assembly from a connection connector LCT and lamp cables LPC1 and LPC2. In addition, in this example, fluorescence tubing is incorporated the flesh-side vertical side of the liquid crystal display component PNL.

[0038] The signal and the required power source from a main frame computer (host) are supplied through the interface connector CT 1 located in a rear face.

[0039] The liquid crystal display of illustration has a large outer-diameter dimension, and although Viewport AR became large, its so-called frame field which does not contribute to a display is small. Furthermore, weight is also lightweight-

ized, and a legible big screen display is obtained, without losing the portability of a portable mold information processor. [0040] Drawing 4 is an expansion perspective view explaining the whole liquid crystal display configuration by this invention. This drawing explains the concrete structure of the liquid crystal display (module: call MDL) which unified a liquid crystal display panel, the circuit board, a back light, and other configuration members.

[0041] The upper frame which SHD becomes from a metal plate (it is also called a shielding case and a metal frame), WD -- a display window and INSs 1-3 -- an insulation sheet and PCBs 1-3 -- the circuit board (PCB1 -- drain side-circuit substrate: -- the circuit board for a video-signal line drive --) PCB2 a gate side-circuit substrate and PCB3 An interface-circuitry substrate, The joiner to which JN 1-3 connects one to circuit board PCB3 comrades electrically, A tape career package and PNL TCP1 and TCP2 A liquid crystal display panel, POL a rubber cushion and ILS for an upper polarizing plate and GC A protection-from-light spacer, In PRS, a prism sheet and SPS a light guide plate and RFS for a diffusion sheet and GLB A reflective sheet, Opening of MCA and BAT are pressure sensitive adhesive double coated tapes, the bottom frame (bottom case: mold frame) and MO in which MCA was formed by unification shaping accumulate a diffusion plate member due to arrangement illustration, and the liquid crystal display module MDL is assembled. In addition, illustration of a light source lamp part was omitted.

[0042] (The liquid crystal display module MDL) has two sorts of receipt and attachment components, the bottom frame CA and the upper frame SHD, and carries out receipt immobilization of insulation sheet INSs 1-3, the circuit boards 1-PCBs 3, and the liquid crystal display panel PNL, and this liquid crystal display makes the bottom frame MCA which contained the back light which consists of light guide plates GLB etc. come to coalesce in the upper frame SHD.

[0043] The integrated circuit chip for driving each pixel of the liquid crystal display panel PNL is carried in the circuit board PCB 1 for a video-signal line drive, and the timing converter (TCON) which processes into the interface-circuitry substrate PCB 3 the integrated circuit chip which accepts control signals, such as acceptance of the video signal from an external host and a timing signal, and timing, and generates a clock signal is carried.

[0044] The clock signal generated by the above-mentioned timing converter is supplied to the integrated circuit chip carried in the circuit board PCB 1 for a video-signal line drive.

[0045] The interface-circuitry substrate PCB 3 and the circuit board PCB 1 for a video-signal line drive are multilayer-interconnection substrates, and above-mentioned clock signal Rhine CLL is formed as inner layer wiring of the interface-circuitry substrate PCB 3 and the circuit board PCB 1 for a video-signal line drive.

[0046] In addition, the drain side-circuit substrate PCB 1 for driving TFT, the gate side-circuit substrate PCB 2, and the interface-circuitry substrate PCB 3 are connected to the liquid crystal display panel PNL with the tape career packages TCP1 and TCP2, and it connects by the joiner 1, 2, and JN 3 between each circuit board.

[0047] Drawing 5 is the external view of the personal computer explaining an example of an information processor which mounted the liquid crystal display shown in drawing 4, the same sign as said each drawing corresponds to the same part, and the inverter power source for a fluorescence tubing drive in IV and CPU are host side central processing units.

[0048] According to the personal computer shown in this drawing, the angle of visibility is large and image display with good visibility is obtained by uniform contrast.

[0049] In addition, this invention is not applied only within the active matrix liquid crystal display of the above-mentioned horizontal electric-field method, and can be similarly applied as the liquid crystal orientation control ability unnecessary approach and equipment of the orientation film in the liquid crystal display of a vertical electric-field method or a passive matrix.

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DESCRIPTION OF DRAWINGS

[Brief Description of the Drawings]

[Drawing 1] It is an important section cross section explaining the 1st example of the liquid crystal display by this invention.

[Drawing 2] It is a partial diagrammatic view explaining the configuration of the upper frame of the 1st example of the liquid crystal display by this invention.

[Drawing 3] It is the assembly final drawing of the liquid crystal display by this invention.

[Drawing 4] It is an expansion perspective view explaining the whole liquid crystal display configuration by this invention.

[Drawing 5] It is the external view of the personal computer explaining an example of an information processor which mounted the liquid crystal display shown in drawing 4.

[Drawing 6] It is an outline sectional view explaining the example of important section structure of the conventional liquid crystal display.

[Drawing 7] It is the enlarged drawing of A part of drawing 6 explaining generating of the optical leakage in the conventional liquid crystal display.

[Description of Notations]

SUB1 Bottom substrate

SUB2 Top substrate

POL Top polarizing plate

GLB Light guide plate

LP Light source lamp

LS Reflector

SHD Top frame

BKD Extinction processing side

CASE Case which constitutes displays, such as a computer to mount.

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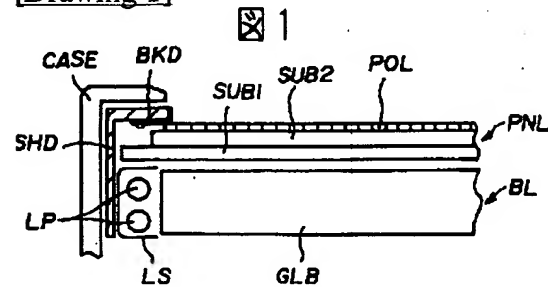
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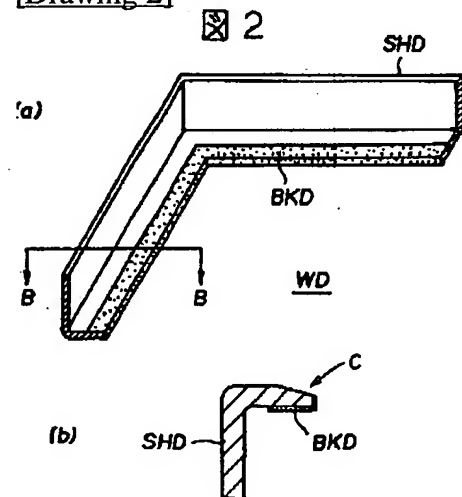
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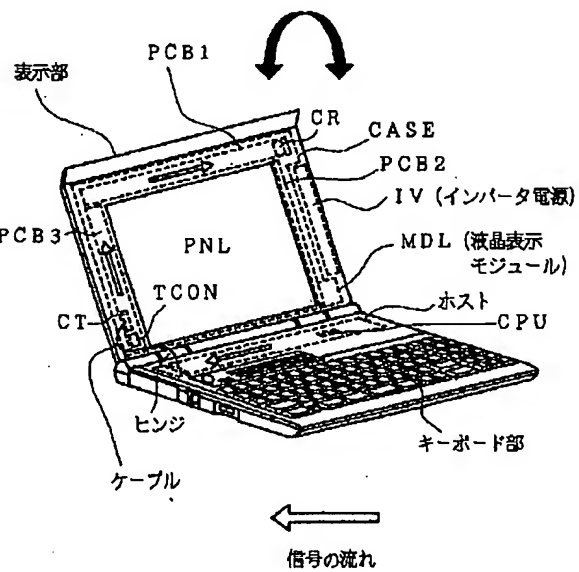


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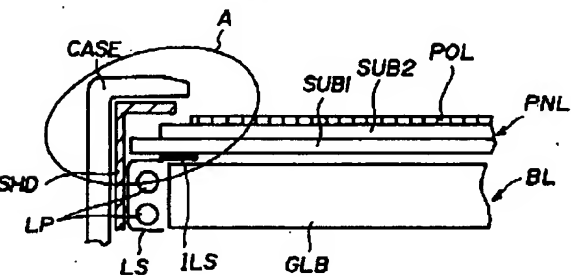
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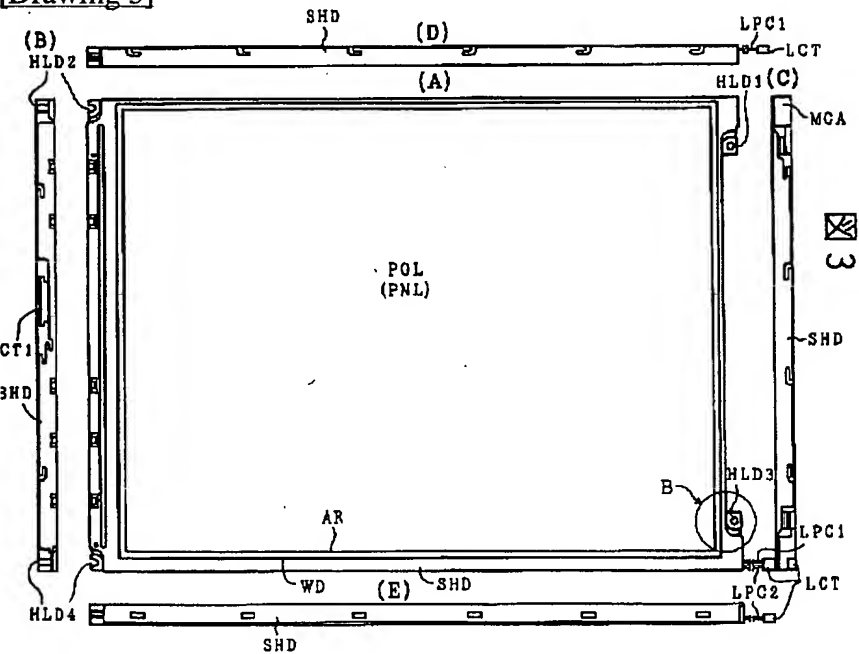


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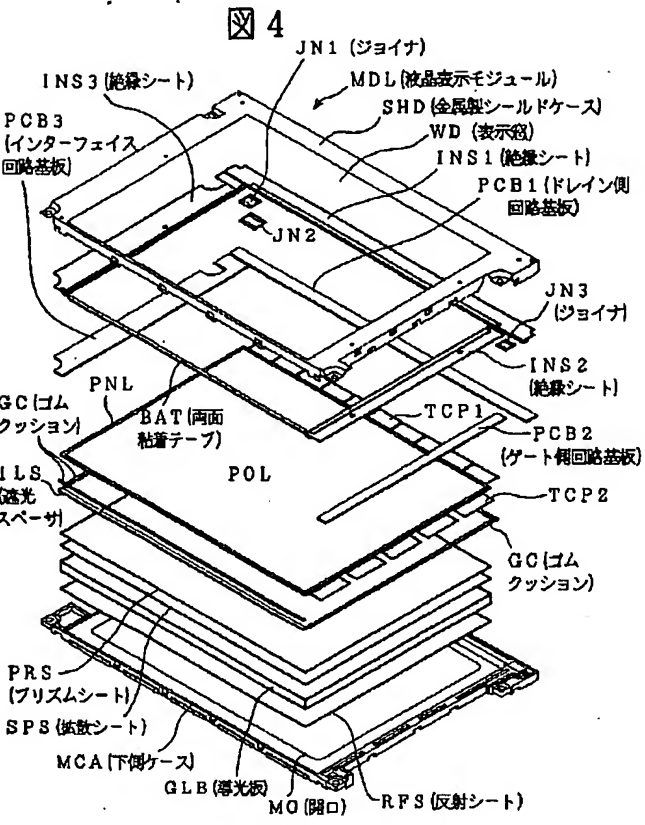
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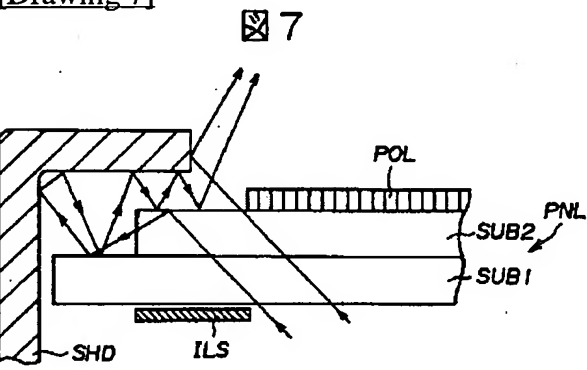
[Drawing 3]



[Drawing 4]



[Drawing 7]



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